

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been examined. Claims 1-12 are pending in the application and are rejected.

Presently, the Examiner has issued a Final Office Action in which the objections to the specification and claims have been withdrawn. However, the Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 1-12 based on Dahl.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, that the state control unit *individually and temporarily halts* the plurality of element areas. Applicant notes that the Examiner has pointed to no disclosure in Dahl, nor offered any rationale based on any disclosure in Dahl, that addresses temporarily halting the plurality of element areas. Moreover, Dahl does not disclose individually halting the plurality of element areas, as recited by claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Dahl does not disclose individually and temporarily halting the plurality of element areas, as set forth by claim 1, and therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over Dahl.

Independent claim 2 and 3 have each been amended to recite features similar to claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 and 3 are each patentable over Dahl for the same reasons.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-12 are each patentable based on their respective dependencies.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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